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AS PACKARD PRESENTED A CHART ON THE SAFEGUARD, FULBRIGHT COMPLAINED THAT THE PENTAGON PUTS IN THE CATEGORY OF SMALL WEAPONS MISSILES WITH 50 TIMES THE MIGHT OF THE ATOMIC BOMB DROPPED ON NAGASAKI DURING WORLD WAR II.

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"DON'T YOU THINK THAT'S A LITTLE MISLEADING?" HE SAID. "I THOUGHT YOU MEANT A LITTLE THING LIKE A HAND GRENADE." ANOTHER PACKARD CHART INDICATED THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION ABOUT EQUAL IN MISSILE STRENGTH.

"MY INFORMATION IS WHAT WE ARE AHEAD IN ALL RESPECTS," SEN. ALBERT BORE, D-TENN., COUNTERED. "I THINK WE'RE VASTLY SUPERIOR IN ALL CATEGORIES."

SEN. STUART SYMINGTON, D-MO., QUESTIONED THE PENTAGON REPORT THAT THE SOVIET SS-9 MISSILE CARRIES A 25 MEGATON WARHEAD. SYMINGTON SAID THERE ARE REPORTS THAT THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY BELIEVES ITS WARHEAD IS CLOSER TO 5 MEGATONS.

PACKARD SAID THE PENTAGON FIGURE IS BASED ON THE BEST INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATES HE HAS SEEN. HE SAID HE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER THERE WAS DISAGREEMENT WITHIN THE INTELLIGENCE ESTABLISHMENT.

"IT HAS A PAYLOAD CAPABILITY OF CARRYING THIS SIZE WARHEAD," HE SAID.

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<p>1. On ABM Comments by Symington:</p> <p>AP item says that he cited CIA as saying SS-9 had only 5 MEGATON capability.</p> <p>WASH Post article by George Wilson says he cited & newspaper article.</p> <p>2 other tick items</p>		
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